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New Fire Rescue Boat In Service



Members of the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department showed off the new rescue boat at an open house in July. Pictured (l-r) Rick Gallegos, Chief Skip Smith, Asst. Chief Joe Reynolds, Lt. Chris Bean, Deputy Chief Stu Marckoon, Capt. Michael Jordan, Capt. Ed Farnsworth, Carleton Brodie, Raymond Apel, Lt. Joe Young, Lt. Brett Jones. (Photo by Patricia Wyshak)

(Lamoine) - The newest piece of rescue equipment for the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department is ready and waiting for it's first call. The new, 21-foot rescue boat arrived in July following a town meeting vote to borrow \$75,000 and accept a donation from the fire department corporation to cover the remainder of the cost. The rigid-hull inflatable boat was

built by Ribcraft of Marblehead Massachusetts.

Fire Department officers Brett Jones, Michael Jordan, Stu Marckoon and FF Matthew Jordan took the boat for its initial shakedown cruise on Green Lake in Ellsworth when the builder drove it up to Maine. Featuring a 150Hp engine, the boat will cruise in excess of

40-miles an hour. The boat is also equipped with radar, depth finder, and GPS charting to show exactly where the craft is located and with the ability to plot a course to where it is needed even when visibility is not optimal.

The new rescue boat replaces a 12-foot rigid hull inflatable craft that the department purchased about 15-years ago and was not big enough or fast enough to be fully effective in the types of search and rescue calls the department has received in the past few years. That boat had a capacity for 3 or 4 people maximum. The new boat has room for at least a dozen passengers and rescue crew members if needed. The electronics package also gives superior capabilities for search and rescue in night and bad weather conditions.

Like the smaller boat, the new boat will be hauled to launch sites by truck 405, the fast attack / brush truck which is equipped with trailer hitch and rear viewing camera. The usual launch location would be at Lamoine State Park (which is undergoing a major ramp upgrade this fall), but it can also launch at established boat ramps in other communities if mutual aid is requested. The boat was used in its first rescue in late September (see page 4).

Revised Gravel Ordinance Up For Vote

(Lamoine) - After a year and a half gathering facts, listening to opinions, and consulting with various stakeholders, the Board of Selectmen has developed a revised gravel ordinance that will go before voters on November 3, 2015. If passed, the new ordinance would replace the current local regulations that were last revised in the spring of 2014.

What Changes?

The proposed new ordinance addresses four areas identified by a working group of stakeholders and interested citizens that met following a Building and Land Use Ordinance change in 2014 that prohibits new gravel pits in the Rural and Agricultural Zone. Those areas included setbacks, pit restoration, water quality issues, and the permitting process. It might be easiest to address the changes by the individual category

Setbacks

In March 2013, the town meeting passed a revised ordinance that increased the required setback from abutting property lines from 50-feet to 100-feet. That immediately resulted in a lawsuit that claimed the town had taken valuable property from several gravel pit operators without compensation. The proposed new ordinance will allow a return to the setback marks of the ordinance previous to 2013, but with some provisions. The operation cannot have loud machinery located within the 100-foot setback; if the setback is reduced to 10-feet, the slope from the 10-

foot setback to the 50-foot setback must be more gradual, and than the agreement from both landowners to the 10-foot setback must be filed with the Hancock County Registry of Deeds.

Water Quality

Another major objection in the 2013 ordinance revision was over water quality testing. The ordinance required monitoring wells be installed prior to any new permit, with no guarantee that a permit would be granted. The new ordinance would require that a plan be included with the application, but no well installation is required until after the permit is granted, and before pit operations start. One expensive and redundant water testing parameter is removed.

Restoration

Of concern to many residents is the amount of area that remains as a barren, open landscape, even after the material has been fully removed. A provision in the new ordinance would require restoration of a certain amount of area depending on the size of the pit before the operational area can expand.

Permitting Process

The proposed new ordinance incorporates Planning Board suggestions that the ordinance apply only to operations that remove more than 1,000 cubic yards of material and that permits be five years in length, instead of the current 3-years. A simpler renewal

process was considered, but difficult to administer because of the many important pieces of data required.

There are other important changes to the ordinance as well. Currently, pit owners are required to send the to 5-cents for each cubic yard of material removed to put into a restoration fund. That has created the potential for an accounting nightmare for the town and won't nearly cover the cost to restore a pit. That option is still available, but the proposed ordinance also allows permit holders to provide other proof that they have the finances to restore a pit when it is required.

The amount of paperwork that comes with a pit application has piled up over the many years of ordinances. The proposed ordinance outlines exactly what the town must keep on file, and for how long. There is currently no guidance on what information to retain.

Another important change is the appeals process. The current ordinance allows only Planning Board decisions to be appealed. The proposed ordinance also lays out a process to appeal decisions by the Code Enforcement Officer.

A public hearing on the proposed new ordinance is planned for Thursday, October 22, 2015 at the Lamoine Consolidated School beginning at 7:00 PM in the gym. The vote will take place in conjunction with the state election on November 3 from 8am to 8pm at the Town Office.

New Code Enforcement Officer Named

(Lamoine) - The advertisement for a new code enforcement officer to replace Michael Jordan drew only two applicants. One was the interim CEO, and the Board of Selectmen swiftly hired Millard Billings to the post which also includes the local plumbing inspection duties.

Billings, who lives in Franklin, has been the town's Deputy Code Enforcement Officer for several years,

but the town had never needed to call upon his services until this year. He is also the Code Enforcement Officer in several other communities, the tax assessor for Holden, and the Unorganized Territories manager for Hancock County. Billings is a military veteran who retired as the Town Manager of Tremont a few years ago.



Lamoine's New Code Enforcement Officer, Millard Billings

In his first few weeks on the job, Billings says Lamoine is by far the busiest of the towns he serves as code enforcement officer. He is in the office weekly on Monday afternoons between 1PM and 4PM. The town office stays in e-mail contact with him at other times throughout the week for citizen questions.

Occupied RV Generates Violation Notice

(Lamoine) - Code Enforcement Officer Millard Billings has ordered a Mud Creek Road property owner to either move an occupied recreational vehicle off their property or apply for and obtain the proper building permit for the unit. The Building and Land Use ordinance allows for RV occupation for up to 30-days a year without a permit. The town started receiving inquiries about the occupied unit in July, and Billings determined that it has been occupied in excess of the 30-days annually. The landowner was notified of the violation via certified mail and given 30-days to come into compliance with the ordinance.

The land parcel contains enough road frontage and acreage to accommodate the vehicle. As of the end of September, Billings has not reported any action by the landowner.

Permit Applications Take Off

(Lamoine) - It was a hectic summer in the Code Enforcement office as CEO Billings processed numerous permits.

Nbr	Name	Project
18	Whitney, Eliz.	Residence
19	Parkinson, Joann	Deck
20	McKeage, Dianna	Steps to Shore
21	Moulton, Paul	Acc. Bldg
22	D. Gott & Sons	Com'l Bldg
23	Kilmer, Joyce	Deck
24	Bryant, Chris	Driveway
25	Farrell, Richard	Driveway
26	Simons, Todd	Residence
27	Racicot, Eliz.	Mobile Home
28	True, Kathryn	Garage
29	Herbert, John	Deck
30	Farrell, Richard	Residence
31	Havey, Melody	Residence
32	Thomas, Brian	Barn
33	Atkins, Alice	Shed
34	Parkinson, Wm.	Shed
35	Catbird LLC	Boat House
36	Broughman Bldrs	Residence
37	Young, Michael	Expansion
38	Mitchell, Carlton	Garage

The permit application fees generated just under \$4,300 in revenue to the Code Enforcement Fund. Additionally, 15 plumbing permits were issued in the quarter, including 7 septic systems and 8 internal plumbing permits. That generated an additional \$1,400 in revenue to the CEO fund.

Facilities Maintenance Director Named

(Lamoine) - Though town government in Lamoine is fairly small, there are quite a few buildings that need some TLC from time to time. The town hall, salt/sand shed, four buildings at the salt/sand shed, the storage garage, and two town parks have not had any regular maintenance over the years. The town hall staff has relied on contractors to repair those facilities as needed, but no real maintenance plan. Quite frankly, the town was falling behind on making sure the buildings stayed in good shape. Enter Rick Gallegos.

Rick has been in Lamoine for a few years and is a well trained member of the volunteer fire department. He is also a carpenter and a jack of all trades. When he expressed interest in pursuing the Code Enforcement position, the town was in need of a maintenance person to keep the two parks in good shape. Selectmen agreed to hire Gallegos as an assistant Code Enforcement Officer in order to get



him certified at the state level. In addition, they named Rick as the Facilities Maintenance Director. In addition to the parks, he'll perform weekly janitorial chores at the Town Office, and special projects on the many other town facilities. So far Rick has installed a door way at the MSW container building at the transfer station, removal of the dead fire bushes at the town hall, repairs on a light fixture at the town hall, and beginning to organize the storage garage. Welcome Aboard!

Board Positions Filled, Others Wanting

(Lamoine) - There were plenty of folks who applied for alternate board positions on the Lamoine Planning Board and the Board of Appeals, and the Board of Selectmen chose retired school teacher Steve Gabel-Richards to serve on the Planning Board, and former Code Enforcement Officer Michael Jordan to serve as an Alternate Board of Appeals

member. Cathleen Goebel is the newest member of the Parks Commission. One seat and an alternate position remain unfilled on the Parks Commission, as does an alternate position on the Budget Committee. Selectmen also created a second alternate position on the Comprehensive Planning Committee and will fill that on October 8th.

Electronic Waste Collection HUGE Success

(Lamoine) - Lamoine and a few other surrounding towns have a lot fewer electronic items gathering dust and threatening the environment thanks to a huge collection event hosted in our town. Selectmen opted to invite both Trenton and Hancock to participate in the first electronic waste collection held in town, and a few residents showed up with trucks full of old TV's, microwave ovens, and

Linnea Roy of Electronics end said they were pleasantly surprised by the amount of material generated by a town of Lamoine's size, and praised the public information effort by town staff for letting folks know about the collection.

The collection also gave an opportunity to clean up some improperly disposed of TV's around town. Marckoon picked up two from Mill Road



These were just some of the items left for Electronics End at the Lamoine E-Waste collection in July. Company officials were very impressed by the amount of goods.

various other types of E-Waste. Volunteers from the Conservation Commission, including Doug Stewart, Larry Libby and Linda Penkalski joined Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon on July 11th to help direct traffic and unload the items from their vehicles. The Brewer based company brought down two large trailers to box up the waste, and had to make two trips back to Brewer to get more trailers and boxes.

and one from the former landfill access road.

The final report from Electronics End showed 15,324 pounds of waste was brought in for recycling. Of that, there were 182 CRT's (TVs and computer monitors), 32 batteries, 7 light ballasts with PCBs, and 403 other items they classified as mixed electronics. Roy says they hope to come back to Lamoine next year.

Planning Board Approves Pit, to Consider Condo, Land Clearing

(Lamoine) - The town's Planning Board granted another 3-year permit to the gravel extraction operation owned by Perry Fowler, located near the Town Hall. Mr. Fowler, who sits on the Planning Board, recused himself from consideration of the application. The pit is now licensed for operation through May, 2018.

The Board has several items to deal with beginning in October. On the slate is a proposal to convert four seasonal cottages under common ownership into separately owned condominiums. A subdivision application was submitted to the Planning Board in August to deal with the ownership change.

During the summer, Code Enforcement Officer Millard Billings received a complaint that a significant amount of ground was being disturbed on Mud Creek Road. Upon investigation, Billings and Assistant CEO Gallegos measured and determined well over 10,000 square yards of earth was disturbed. RF

Jordan has complied with the request to submit a site plan review application to the Planning Board. A neighboring property owned by Lewis Bishop has done some significant clearing as well, and the Planning Board will determine whether the Site Plan Permit is required.



This pile of topsoil on Mud Creek Road disturbed more than 10,000 square feet of land, and is subject to Site Plan Review

Comprehensive Planning Survey Available

By Fred Stocking

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Comprehensive Planning Committee (LCPC) has posted a questionnaire on the Town's website and is asking townspeople to respond. This questionnaire, likely the first of two, is modeled after similar surveys 10 and 20 years ago to give us a snapshot of changing circumstances and views.

The LCPC is also meeting with numerous Town committees and groups active in the Town over the next two months. Notices have gone out to most groups. If your group hasn't yet scheduled a meeting, call Fred Stocking at 667-6564 to set one up. In these meetings we will be looking to hear both the vision and concerns of the various groups and their members individually.

Later this Fall, after review of the questionnaire responses and the input from the group meetings, the LCPC plans to schedule a town-wide meeting to discuss these issues.

The LCPC is tasked with coming up with a comprehensive plan meeting state guidelines which will chart a path for the next 10 to 15 years. The Comprehensive Plan Committee is composed of Fred Stocking (chair), Kathie Gaianquest (Vice-Chair), Bonnie Marckoon (Secretary), Valerie Sprague, Brett Jones, Richard McMullen, Bob Christie, and Andrea Ames (alternate). We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 at the Town Hall. We hope to complete the project by Town Meeting 2017.

Town Asks State to Correct Mapping

(Lamoine) - A few people use the State Office of Geographic Information Systems (OGIS) site that overlays the town's tax lots over the town maps. One is Dick Behr of the Department of Environmental Protection, and the map and lot numbers were not matching up. A check by town officials found not only did they not match up, they weren't even close.

A check with OGIS found that the information put into the state site came from the University of Maine at Machias several years ago. The parcel shapes appear to be mostly correct, but the map and lot numbers were not. The 2015 version of the tax maps were sent to UMM for corrected information. A cartographer at the school has supplied that information to the state office, requesting the correction. Folks who need tax map info are advised to use the maps on the town's web site instead.

FD Boat Crew Saves Berry Cove Kayakers

(Lamoine) - A strong breeze kicked in during the morning of September 28, 2015 just after a couple from Seattle put their kayaks into Berry Cove. The wind and choppy waters swamped Scott Lawrence's craft, and his girlfriend, Christy Carpenter had a cell phone and called 9-1-1 for assistance.

The Hancock County Regional Communications Center dispatched the Lamoine

Volunteer Fire Department which launched the new 21-foot rescue boat on its first official rescue call. It was also the first call for new fire department member Rick Martens who was working from home that morning. He and Deputy Fire Chief Stu Marckoon launched the boat from Lamoine State Park and quickly reached the couple several hundred feet off shore. Mr. Lawrence, whose parents live on Berry Cove, was still in the water and



*Scott Lawrence and Christy Carpenter prepare to leave the Lamoine Fire Department rescue boat while LVFD member Rick Martens situates items on the new boat.
Photo Courtesy of Jackie Weaver, Ellsworth American*

getting cold. He was able to get himself into the rescue boat, and Ms. Carpenter followed suit, though she was dry and in her kayak. The boat crew tied both kayaks to the boat and brought everything back to Lamoine State Park. A crew from County Ambulance was waiting on shore and checked out Mr. Lawrence who appears to be OK. The ambulance crew brought the couple back home to get warm. The new boat received high marks from the crew.

Fire Calls

(Lamoine) - The number of 9-1-1 calls for the Lamoine Fire Department continued to be relatively low during the 3rd quarter of 2015. Of the 11 calls received three were for mutual aid coverage in other communities and four were for alarm activations with no real danger to the homeowners.

The fire department responded to Asa's Lane in July and cut a tree out of the road after it gave way. A two vehicle accident on Douglas Highway in mid-August that blocked the road brought the fire department in to direct traffic and assist County Ambulance crews with an injured person. The department also assisted at a call the initially came in as CPR in progress but turned out to be much less severe in mid-September off Seal Point Road.

As of late September the department had been paged 31 times, compared to 40-calls during the same time period in 2014.

Election Day

(Lamoine) - Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Polls at the town office open at 8PM. There are three state referenda questions, and the local ballot on the Gravel Ordinance to vote on.

Auction Succeeds, Supper Planned

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's Volunteer Fire Department annual auction was deemed another success as just over \$7,000 came in during the bidding on August 14, 2015. Local businesses and individuals donated numerous goods and services, and more than 70 people turned out to bid on those items. Volunteer auctioneer Mike Hodgkins of Trenton did a good job coordinating the bidding while firefighters keep things moving along bringing items and gift certificates to him. The money raised will help replenish the fire department's accounts which was used this year to help purchase the rescue boat and a second pump for the vehicle extrication cutters.

The LVFD will hold its annual clam chowder dinner on Saturday, October 17, 2015. Food will be served beginning at 5PM. The menu will include clam chowder, beans, rolls, casseroles, beverage and dessert. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Members of the department will sell tickets door to door on Sunday, October 11 beginning at noon time. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at the town office in advance.

Lt. David Herrick will once again construct the chowder, using the recipe that his father, the late Albert Herrick, made for the fire department dinners for decades. One thing that will be missing, though, will be fire department Captain Jerry Jordan who always sold tickets and greeted folks at the door, as he passed away this summer. (See Page 7)

Fire Department Holds Open House

(Lamoine) - Lamoine residents (and some from out of town too) got a chance to check out the Lamoine Fire Station as the department held an open house on August 2nd. The firefighters grilled up hot dogs and hamburgers and dozens of people enjoyed lunch and a tour of the equipment and the fire house during the event. The open house coincided with delivery of the new rescue boat.



Lt. Chris Bean (right) shows off the newest truck in the Lamoine VFD fleet to some future members (some are his grandchildren)

Streaming Shows Popular

(Lamoine) - Since the town's cable TV system started streaming the telecasts on the Internet in June, folks have commented on how useful the service is. Approximately 20-programs are available on demand—you can get to the service via the town's web site (www.lamoine-me.gov) and access any of the available programs to play at any time.

More programs are scheduled as meetings take place. The programs will be available for up to a year after they originally aired. The service is provided by a company called Town Hall Streams.

Cemetery Contract Signed

(Lamoine) - The Selectmen have finally signed a contract with Forest Hill Cemetery for the care of Veterans' graves. A similar contract with the East Lamoine Cemetery was signed in the previous fiscal year that ended June 30th.

Under state law, the town is responsible for grave maintenance, including mowing and stone repair. The contract utilizes the two major cemetery corporations for that service, since both provide mowing. The contract allows for better budgeting to present to the town for years to come.

Jordan River Road Traffic Light Nearly Done



(Trenton) - The excitement was building by the end of September that soon folks passing through Lamoine on the way to Mt. Desert Island could safely turn left onto Route 3 at the end of Route 204 (Jordan River Road). Crews started installing traffic lights at the recently rebuilt intersection, the finishing touch on a \$900,000 project.

The intersection rebuild includes two lanes as motorists approach the lights from both sides of Route 3 and from

Jordan River Road. A camera system that will be mounted on top of the light arms will detect oncoming traffic and a computer will activate the lights in an efficient manner.

The Town of Lamoine, which suggested to the Maine Department of Transportation that lights would be a good safety addition, will pay for electricity and insurance of the lights after the first year of operation as the Town of Trenton balked at the cost.

Minor Road Repairs Made, Planned

(Lamoine) - Several of the local roads in Lamoine have seen improvements during the summer months. Contractors Richard McMullen and Jay Fowler did most of the work. McMullen dug out a new ditch on the hill on the Raccoon Cove Road end of Marlboro Beach Road. He also fixed up a ditch and shoulder on the western end of Buttermilk Road.

Gully Brook Road, a seasonal dirt road that runs between Shore Road and Berry Cove Road got a much needed tree trimming. Berry Cove Gardens, which is based just around the corner from the road, did the cutting, coming in with the low bid.

The paving projects on Buttermilk and Needles Eye Road will be completed in the coming weeks as the Fowler Crew will be scraping the shoulders to bring them even with the new pavement layer. Prior to paving, the crew put in new cross culverts on Needles Eye and Buttermilk Roads.

Coming up this fall, a crew from Wilson's Ground Maintenance will conduct crack sealing on the eastern end of Buttermilk Road, Birchlawn Drive and South Birchlawn Drive. Selectmen had set aside money for the crack sealing project from the FY 2015 budget and combined with FY 2016 budget, this will greatly extend the pavement life on those sections of road.

The other work planned for the fall involves more tree trimming. The Selectmen will solicit estimates from local tree work companies to cut back growth on both Mill Road and Shore Road. That work will likely be done in late October or November, once most of the leaves are off the trees, but before the snow fall starts.



Crews from Wellman Paving based in Winterport apply new pavement to the western end of Needles Eye Road.



State Park Boat Ramp Project Under Way

Work has begun at Lamoine State Park to greatly enhance the boat launching ramp at the park. The Planning Board granted the Shoreland Zoning and Site Plan Review permits to the State of Maine which worked with local officials to determine the boating needs. When the project is done by the end of the year, an extended ramp will allow for boat launch at low tide. Finger floats will be added adjacent to the launching ramp when the park reopens in the spring of 2016. RJ Jordan is doing the site work.

Conservation Commission Cleans Up

By Larry Libby

The Conservation Commission was actively involved in the Maine Coastweek annual coastal clean-up during the week of September 19-26. We coordinated with the Green Team from the Bangor Job Corps, a group of more than 30 students coordinated by John Dionne, a frequent camper at Lamoine State Park. The Green Team handled the park and surrounding shoreline, LCC focused on the east side from Seal Point to Marlboro Beach. LCC member Larissa Thomas led a local group from Seal Point south to Rt. 204 and Lamoine Phyllis Mobraaten and several neighbors cleaned the shore from there to Marlboro Beach. This is an important LCC priority and we thank the volunteers who participated.

Speaking of clean-up, Georgia Munsell reports that the Fall roadside clean-up is underway with full participation by volunteers. We thank Georgia for her continuing leadership in this activity.

Larissa Thomas has moved from alternate to regular member filling the vacancy created when David Legere asked not to be reappointed last July. We thank David sincerely for his ideas and energy during his time on the commission. These changes leave open an alternate position. Here's your chance to work with this dynamic, diverse and dedicated group of Lamoiners who care about conservation in the town's future! Apply at the town hall if interested.

Commission members helped conduct the special electronic waste pick-



Adrift No More

Author Steve Callahan was one of the volunteers to help with a shoreline cleanup sponsored by Lamoine's Conservation Commission in September, and holds an old, wooden lobster buoy he found.

up day on July 11. A huge volume of TV's, cell phones, printers, etc. was gathered. Town residents clearly appreciated the opportunity to unload stuff that had collected around the house.

David Sanderson volunteered his time and expertise to guide LCC through a strategic planning exercise in early September. We felt the need to assess our strengths and weaknesses, various external factors affecting future conservation in Lamoine and develop some priorities. A report of that planning effort will be available soon.

Litter Volunteers Going Strong

(Lamoine) - Volunteer roadside cleanup coordinator Georgia Munsell reports the Adopt A Highway Program continues to have great participation. The following folks are actively picking up litter from the roadsides

Darlene, Elizabeth & Bob Alvarez
Arlyss & Ray Becker
Barbara Bland & Don Bamman
Nancy & Harold Boynton
Merle & Joan Bragdon
Cynthia & Gordon Donaldson
Bruce & Amelia Gillett & Kathleen Rybarz
Jackie Haines & Gregg Tehennepe
Nancy & Steve Heitert
Susie & Nils Hokansson
Nicole Holdsworth, Makenzie & Kaitlyn
Cowles, Matthew Mingo
Stu Marckoon
Priscilla McAneny & Bill Reynolds & Trish
Smith & Rylan Brann

Jane & Steve McMullen
Phyllis & Larry Mobraaten
Becky Morrison
Georgia & Mark Munsell
Teresa & Harrison Pinkham
Georgianna & Bob Pulver
Mary Roper
Diane & David Sanderson
Sally & Ken Smith
Doug Stewart

Lynda & Chris Tadema-Wielandt
Herb Watson

Cindy, Erin & Lonnie White

Budget Committee Starts October 26

(Lamoine) - The town's budget committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, October 26, 2015. Town staff, meanwhile has started work on the 2016/17 budget for

the town meeting in 2016. An alternate budget committee member is still needed. If you are interested in the town's finances, contact the town office.

Landfill Water Tests to Change, Slightly

(Lamoine) - Maine's Department of Environmental Protection has approved of slight changes to the town's water testing program around the former landfill area. Since capping the landfill in 1994, the town has sampled residential wells annually for signs of contamination. A few of the closest wells have shown elevated levels of iron and manganese. The DEP installed its own wells adjacent to the capped landfill and the town is required to hire a contractor to test those every two years.

The new protocols will still require annual testing at five homes, but for fewer minerals in some of the wells that have not turned up any sign of influence from the landfill. There should be a slight cost savings in the water testing. The DEP will also look at the continued results in a couple more years, and may be able to allow more scaled back testing. Between the residential and landfill wells, water testing cost a little over \$4,800 in FY 2015.

Town Meeting 2016 Dates Set

(Lamoine) - Mark your calendars now for the 2016 annual town meeting dates. The Board of Selectmen have set Tuesday, March 8, 2016 as municipal election day. Polls will open at 8am and close at 8pm. The annual open town meeting will be held the next day (Wednesday, March 9, 2016) beginning at 6PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gym.

With the election date set, nomination papers will become available on Monday, December 14, 2015 and must be returned with at least 25-signatures of registered Lamoine voters no later than January 23, 2016.

There will be two Selectmen seats elected in March, currently held by Bernie Johnson and Nathan Mason. The Assessors seat held by Jane Fowler will also be elected in March, along with the school committee seats currently held by Brett Jones and Robert Pulver.

Absentee ballots will become available on Friday, February 5, 2016.

School Exploring Lot Purchase

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's School Committee has asked the Board of Selectmen to begin the process of offering to purchase a lot adjacent to the school property. Long occupied by the Clark family, the current owner has indicated a willingness to sell, if the price is reasonable.

School Board chair Brett Jones said the school could use the lot for additional parking and a garage to eliminate several small sheds on the current school lot. Stay tuned.

New Faces, New School Year at Lamoine Consolidated School



Jerry Maranville – Bus Driver Kelly Allen – Special Education Tiara Woods – Math Scott Mootrey – Food Service Robin Veysey—Librarian

By Dawn McPhail, Principal
(Lamoine) - A great big “Thank You” goes out to everyone who thanked a Lamoine Consolidated School teacher during last spring’s “Thanks a Billion” campaign sponsored by the Target Corporation. Thanks to your help and the generosity of Target our school was presented with a check for \$2200. Thanks, thanks, thanks!

New to Lamoine Consolidated School this fall is the Drama Club. Mrs. Duffy is taking her group to the stage to learn the ins and outs of drama production this fall. In January the real work begins on a production scheduled for spring.

Grace Garrison and Olivia Fowler thought that our school should have a school newspaper. When they approached Mrs. McPhail with the idea, she agreed wholeheartedly. The 5th – 8th grade newspaper staff has begun to plan, gather, and write for the first newspaper printing that will take place in early December. The Lamoine Consolidated School newspaper will produce three newspapers throughout the school year.

Cross Country is Back! The running bug has hit the school and 15 4th – 8th graders have joined our new cross-country team. For the past several years Lamoine has not had a team due to a lack of interest and participation from students.



The school sign also got a facelift thanks to the volunteer efforts of Val Peacock, Gordon Donaldson, and Bob Pulver. The sign was painted, re-lettered and moved to a more visible location.

Facility Upgrades at the School

(Lamoine) - We are very excited about recent and upcoming facility improvements at the school. The newly paved driveway is simply fabulous, as is the outside basketball court. Thanks to a generous financial donation from PATRONS and the volunteer efforts of the Perry and Jan Fowler, Nate Mason, and Brett Jones we now have brand new adjustable basketball hoops for our town to enjoy and a safer playground. The old backstop, cracked benches and the broken slide were all disassembled and removed, and the wood chips were redistributed.

The playground and fields look great.

If you haven’t seen the newly renovated library, you are missing out. It looks terrific. The most amazing group of volunteers led by Cynthia Donaldson first packed up all of the books....an exhausting and time consuming job. The book cases were all repainted and some were disassembled and rebuilt to better suit the layout of the room and to make room for a new preschool section. Walls were painted and new artwork displayed. Finally, the hard work of putting the books back on the shelves begun.

Slow Ride Sunday Gaining Speed

(Lamoine) - The Recreation Committee has put on what they’re calling “Slow Ride Sunday”. It’s a biking event that has no cost, no racing, and is just a chance to bike around the roads of Lamoine for fun. The first try came July 19th, another ran August 30th.

Below, Rec Committee members (l-r) Greg Stone, Elie Khoury, and Jason Trenholm stand with the signs generously sponsored by area businesses that are posted around town on those days designated for the rides. Reaction thus far is positive.



Community Arts Fall Performance

Lamoine Community Arts is preparing a full length play for its fall production this year. Morning’s at Seven, by Paul Osborn, portrays a delightful, sweetly dysfunctional, but loving family.

Their intertwined lives take surprising turns, as they all try to figure out "what it's all about", and who has a place where.

The set is taking shape at the Lamoine/Bayside Grange, and rehearsals have begun.

Five performances are scheduled: October 30 & 31 at 7pm, November 6 & 7, at 7pm, and a matinee on Sunday, November 8th, at 3pm. Mark your calendars now.' To reserve tickets or for more information, please call 667-7969.



RIP Firefighters...

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Fire Department lost two long time members this summer. Harry Hamor, an original founder of the fire department died July 20, at the age of 91. And Jerry Jordan, who also drove the school bus for years, died on August 21 at the age of 79. Their presence is greatly missed around the town and fire house.

October 2015 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Budget Committee schedule has not yet been set. Generally, the committee meets in November and December on Monday Evenings at 6:30.				1—6:30 Comp Plan	2	3-9am Rec Cmte Office Open 8-12
4	5-7PM Planning Board Absentee Ballots Available	6	7-Assessors, time TBA	8—7PM Selectmen	9	10
11	12	13-6:30 PM School Committee	14-7PM Conservation Cmsn.	15	16	17-5PM Fire Dept. Dinner
18	19	20	21	22-6:30pm Selectmen @ School	23	24
25	26-6:30 PM Budget Cmte.	27	28	29-Absentee Ballot deadline	30	31-Town Office Open 8-12

November 2015 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2-7PM Planning Board	3-Election Day 8am-8pm	4-Board of Assessors, Time TBA	5-6:30 PM Comp Planning	6	7-Town Office Open 8-12
8	9	10-6:30 PM School Cmte	11-Veterans' Day, Office Closed 7PM Conservation Cmsn	12-7PM Selectmen	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26-Thanksgiving, Office Closed	27-Town Office open 8-4	28-Town Office Open 8-12
29	30					

December 2015 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2-Assessors, Time TBA	3-7PM Selectmen	4	5-Town Office Open 8-12
6	7-7PM Planning Board	8-6:30 PM School Committee	9-7PM Conservation Cmsn	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17-7PM Selectmen	18	19
20	21	22	23	24-Town Office closes at Noon	25-Town Office, Transfer Station Closed	26-Town Office open 8-12, Transfer Stn Open 8-5
27	28	29	30	31-Town Office closes at 2PM	1-Town Office & Transfer Stn Closed	2-Town Office Open 8--12, Transfer Stn Open 8-5

Please consult the town’s website for Christmas and New Year Schedules for the Transfer Station, as the schedule has not yet been set as of publication.

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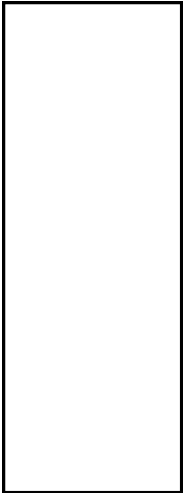
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